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### FEDERAL WILDLIFE AGENCY ANNOUNCES SURPLUS ANIMAL SALES

Buffalo and elk meat will again be available to gourmets this fall through sales of surplus animals at three National Wildlife Refuges, the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has announced. The sale covers 404 buffalo and 306 elk.

At Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Cache, Okla., 250 buffalo, live or butchered, and 300 elk, butchered animals only, will be sold. A whole buffalo carcass, unfrozen, will sell for \$180, a half carcass, \$90. Freezing adds \$40 to the price of whole animals and \$20 for halves. Live buffalo, long yearling age group mainly, will sell at public auction on November 21. Elk meat will run \$90 for a whole, unfrozen carcass, and \$45 for a half. Frozen meat will cost \$20 more for a whole carcass and \$10 additional for halves.

At Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge near Valentine, Neb., 64 buffalo, live or butchered, and 6 elk, butchered animals only, will be sold. Live buffalo will be generally in the long yearling age group, but a few older animals also may be sold. Live buffalo sales at Fort Niobrara will be by public auction October 22. Buffalo meat at Fort Niobrara, where the animals are considerably larger than those at Wichita Mountains, will sell, unfrozen only, at \$240 for a whole carcass, \$120 for a half, and \$60 for a quarter.

The National Bison Range at Moiese, Mont., will sell 90 buffalo, live or butchered. About half of the live sales will be in the long yearling age group, with the remainder being older animals. Live buffalo sales at National Bison Range will be through sealed bids accepted through September 5. Butchered animals from the National Bison Range, also larger than at Wichita Mountains, will sell for \$240 a whole carcass, \$120 for a half, and \$60 for a quarter, unfrozen only.

Civic groups, sportsmen's clubs, and similar organizations have preference and nearly always take all the available meat at Fort Niobrara and the National Bison Range, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife reported.

Persons wishing additional information on the surplus animal sales should write the Refuge Manager at Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Cache, Okla., 73527; Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge, Hidden Timber Route, Valentine, Neb., 69201; or National Bison Range, Moiese, Mont., 59824.